CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method of collecting statistics in a database management system, comprising:
- 2 receiving a workload comprising a plurality of database queries;
- 3 identifying query statistics for the database queries;
- 4 consolidating the query statistics for the database queries to provide consolidated
- 5 statistics; and
- 6 generating one or more statistics collection tasks based on the consolidated
- 7 statistics.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the database management system comprises one
- 2 or more collection objects and the consolidated statistics are associated with at least a
- 3 subset of the collection objects, and said generating generates the one or more statistics
- 4 collection tasks for respective collection objects of the subset based on the consolidated
- 5 statistics.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said generating generates one statistics collection
- 2 task for each collection object of the subset of the collection objects based on the
- 3 consolidated statistics.
- 1 4. The method of claim 2 wherein the collection objects are table spaces.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the query statistics comprise table information for
- 2 a plurality of tables, the tables being associated with collection objects, wherein said
- 3 generating groups the statistics collection tasks for the tables by collection object.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein each table of the plurality of tables is associated
- 2 with a table score based on, at least in part, a number of references to the table by the
- 3 queries of the workload, further comprising:

- 4 determining a collection object score for each collection object based on, at least
- 5 in part, the table scores for the associated tables of the collection object to provide
- 6 collection object scores, wherein said generating generates the statistics collection tasks
- 7 for the collection objects in accordance with the collection object scores.
- The method of claim 6 wherein the table score is also based on, at least in part, a
- 2 cost of the queries referencing the table.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the query statistics comprise column information,
- 2 and when a column specified in the column information is part of an index, generating an
- 3 index portion of the statistics collection task to request database statistics for that column.
- 1 9. An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium embodying one
- 2 or more instructions executable by a computer for performing a method of collecting
- 3 statistics in a database management system, the method comprising:
- 4 receiving a workload comprising a plurality of database queries;
- 5 identifying query statistics for the database queries;
- 6 consolidating the query statistics for the database queries to provide consolidated
- 7 statistics; and
- 8 generating one or more statistics collection tasks based on the consolidated
- 9 statistics.
- 1 10. The article of manufacture of claim 9 wherein the database management system
- 2 comprises one or more collection objects and the consolidated statistics are associated
- 3 with at least a subset of the collection objects, and said generating generates the one or
- 4 more statistics collection tasks for respective collection objects of the subset based on the
- 5 consolidated statistics.
- 1 11. The article of manufacture of claim 10 wherein said generating generates one
- 2 statistics collection task for each collection object of the subset of the collection objects
- 3 based on the consolidated statistics.

- 1 12. The article of manufacture of claim 11 wherein the collection objects are table
- 2 spaces.
- 1 13. The article of manufacture of claim 9 wherein the query statistics comprise table
- 2 information for a plurality of tables, the tables being associated with collection objects,
- 3 wherein said generating groups the statistics collection tasks for the tables by collection
- 4 object.
- 1 14. The article of manufacture of claim 13 wherein each table of the plurality of
- 2 tables is associated with a table score based on, at least in part, a number of references to
- 3 that table by the queries of the workload, further comprising:
- 4 determining a collection object score for each collection object based on, at least
- 5 in part, the table scores for the associated tables of the collection object to provide
- 6 collection object scores, wherein said generating generates the statistics collection tasks
- 7 for the collection objects in accordance with the collection object scores..
- 1 15. The article of manufacture of claim 6 wherein the table score is also based on, at
- 2 least in part, a cost of the queries referencing the table.
- 1 16. The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the query statistics comprise
- 2 column information, and when a column specified in the column information is part of an
- 3 index, generating an index portion of the statistics collection task to request database
- 4 statistics for that column.
- 1 17. An apparatus for collecting statistics in a database management system,
- 2 comprising:
- 3 a processor; and
- 4 a memory storing one or more instructions that:
- 5 receive a workload comprising a plurality of database queries;
- 6 identify query statistics for the database queries;

- 7 consolidate the query statistics for the database queries to provide
- 8 consolidated statistics; and
- generate one or more statistics collection tasks based on the consolidated
- 10 statistics.
- 1 18. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the database management system comprises
- 2 one or more collection objects and the consolidated statistics are associated with at least a
- 3 subset of the collection objects, and said one or more instructions generate the one or
- 4 more statistics collection tasks for respective collection objects of the subset based on the
- 5 consolidated statistics.
- 1 19. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein said one or more instructions also generate one
- 2 statistics collection task for each collection object.
- 1 20. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the collection objects are tablespaces.